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Department is aware that inspection issue relating to Allied military vehicles on autobahn has had complicated history over past six months. As Embassy and Mission know, General Norstad believes extricating action with employment minimum force should be authorized. In discussions with Joint Chiefs Department is taking position substantially in agreement conclusions reached in first paragraph Bonn's 1045 and final paragraph Berlin's 346.

Assume normal consultations with British and French taking place on problem military vehicles. Believe that implications incident of November 14, with new element of detention vehicles and personnel at checkpoint should be fully discussed with British and French both in Bonn and Berlin. During discussion of various future courses of action Embassy and Mission may raise discreetly with British and French possibility of extricating action along lines indicated Paris 1799 repeated Bonn 143, Berlin 21, and request comments.

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